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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY NEWLY INSTALLED PRIME MINISTER

J.M.G. ("TOM") ADAMS

1. AFTER 44 YEAR OLD J.M.G. ("TOM") ADAMS WAS ASSURED OF A MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, HE MADE SEVERAL COMMENTS WHICH WERE OF MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST. HE SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE IN FOREIGN POLICY (FROM HIS PREDECESSOR) BY HIS BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY (BLP) GOVERNMENT. HE DID RAISE SOME QUESTION AS TO THE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF NATIONALIST CHINA BUT DID NOT OFFER ANY INDICATION OF CHANGE.

2. ON THE ISSUE OF DESTABILIZATION, THE NEW PRIMIN SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE U.S. WAS GUILTY OF TRYING TO DESTABILIZE BARBADOS. QUOTING FROM BARBADOS' ADVOCATE-NEWS HE CONTINUED "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS MADE WITHOUT THOUGHT FOR THE EFFECT ON PUBLIC OPINION IN THE U.S. HAVE DONE SOME HARM TO THE TOURIST TRADE IN JAMAICA AND

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PERHAPS IN BARBADOS." HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT DESTABILI-

ZATION WAS A FALSE ISSUE AND SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN INJECTED INTO BARBADIAN POLITICS. CONTINUING, HE INDICATED THAT BARBADOS WOULD CONTINUE A POLICY OF INDEPENDENCE AND HAS NO PLANS TO CHANGE ITS PRESENT ATTITUDE TOWARD WESTERN COUNTRIES, THE NON-ALIGNED OR OTHER ISSUES IN THE U.N.

3. IN CALLING FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND A SPIRIT OF GOODWILL, HE HAS FOLLOWED UP WITH TALKS WITH FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER FREDERICK (SLEEPY) SMITH, NEWLY DESIGNATED LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, AND INVITED HIS COOPERATION ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STATUTORY BODIES. (AS OF THIS MOMENT THE FUTURE OF RE-ELECTED HOUSE MEMBER FOR THE CONSTITUENCY OF ST. JOHN, FORMER PRIME MINISTER BARROW, IS UNDECIDED -- BY HIS OWN STATEMENT. AMONG OTHER JOB OFFERS CITED BY BARROW IS AN INVITATION TO TEACH AT YALE UNIVERSITY.)

4. WHILE THE CABINET REMAINS TO BE ANNOUNCED, SPECULATION CENTERS ON H.B. (BREE) ST. JOHN, FORMER BLP LEADER, AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. BRITTON

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